

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We thank you for your tireless leadership and commitment to immigration reform. We commend you for your support for the DREAM Act, and your landmark decision to grant deferred action to childhood arrivals.

As you may know, last week, three leaders of the undocumented youth movement in the United States crossed the border into Mexico and turned themselves in at the Morley border crossing gate near Nogales, AZ, along with other DREAM Act-eligible youth currently living in Mexico. They took this courageous step because they are fighting to reunite families separated by the border and mass deportation policies, including their own. These youth are the victims of our broken immigration policy, and they deserve to come home to the United States, where they can continue to work towards fulfilling their dreams of higher education. We respectfully request that you exercise your discretion to allow these 'DREAMers' to come home.

The youth requesting the opportunity to return grew up in the U.S., know this country as their home, and have contributed to the fabric of our society for many years.

- One of the three DREAMers who recently left the U.S. is Lizbeth Mateo. It had been 15 years since last she saw her extended family in Mexico. Lizbeth has overcome incredible odds to gain admission for this fall at Santa Clara University Law School, California. She has risked herself and her future to bring to light the plight of other DREAMers.
- Adriana Gil Diaz first came to Phoenix, Arizona when she was four months old. She graduated from high school in 2010 with high honors. However, fear from Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 drove her to return to Mexico – only three months before you granted deferred action to certain undocumented youth. Life in Mexico has been unsustainable for Adriana, and she has been unable to continue her education. She wants to return to her home and pursue her dream of attending college.

The other DREAMers hoping to return to the U.S. together, as a group, have similar stories of struggle, as well as many stories of successes. Whether they left the U.S. for Mexico very recently or a few years ago, whether they left because of difficult conditions in the U.S., or through deportation, these DREAMers grew up in the U.S. and consider it their home. They all deserve to come home. And what's more, our country will be enriched morally, economically and socially by their contributions.

We support immigration reform, including the provision in S. 744 that would allow previously deported DREAMers to return. We now have an opportunity to put that support into practice. Mr. President, we urge you to take immediate action to exercise your discretion and allow these 'DREAMers' to return to the U.S.

Our broken immigration policy has separated millions of families, like the families of Lizbeth and Adriana. We have faith that our immigration system can be reformed to respect the humanity and dignity of immigrant families, and we believe that returning these courageous young people to their homes is an important first step that we can take today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



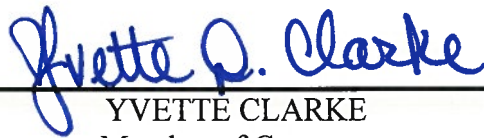
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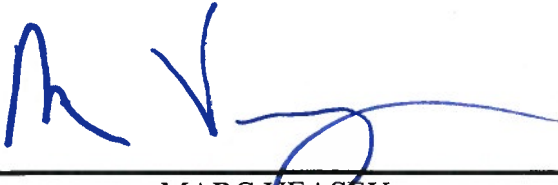
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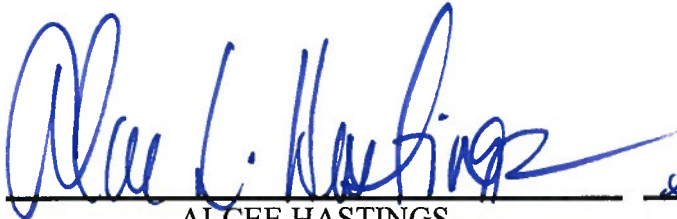
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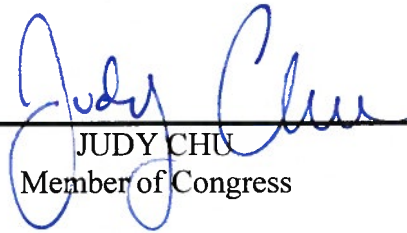
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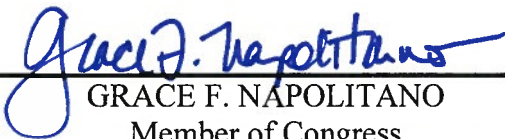
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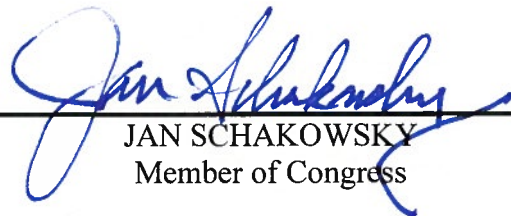
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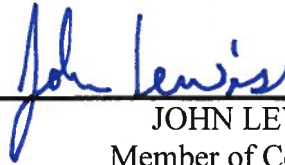
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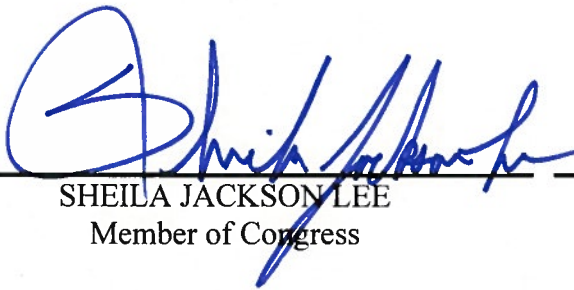
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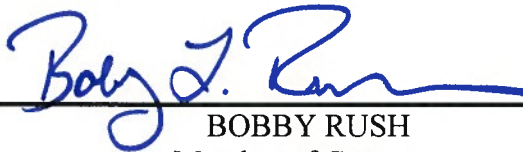
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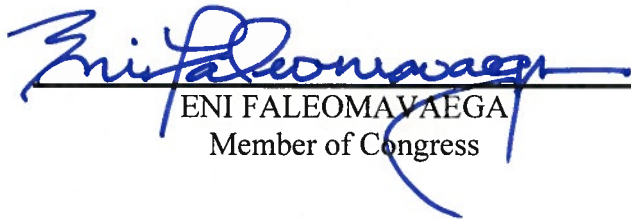
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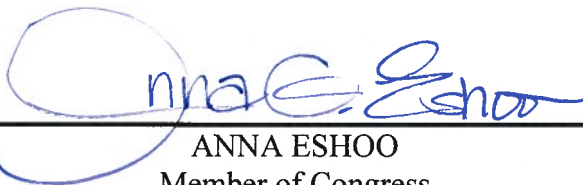
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